

TIME KEEPS SLIPPING

PART 2 OF 4



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DEER  
TROUBLE







I NEVER SHOULD  
LET YOU TWO BE  
PART OF THE  
CONVOY!

I KNEW  
I SHOULD TRUSTED  
MY GUT! DR. WILY'S  
ESCAPED, AND IT'S  
ALL YOUR  
FAULT!

THAT'S  
LUDICROUS!

I'M SORRY,  
AGENT STERN!  
I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
HAPPENED!

# TIME KEEPS ON SLIPPING

PART TWO: UNRESOLVED ISSUES

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NO? SEE IF THIS SOUNDS FAMILIAR TO YA.

THEN, WHILE EVERYONE'S DISTRACTED, YOUR BUDDY, WILY, ESCAPES SO THE TWO OF YOU CAN START ANOTHER ROBOT REVOLUTION!

LITTLE BOY BLUE HERE JOINS THE POLICE ESCORT AND THEN GETS INTO A FLASHY RAZZLE-DAZZLE BATTLE WITH THAT PILE OF SCRAP OVER THERE.

THE ATTACK WAS OBVIOUSLY A DISTRACTION, BUT MEGA MAN AND I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!

THAT'S ENOUGH! THERE'S NO EVIDENCE ON HAND TO VERIFY YOUR ALIBI...

...OR ANYONE'S GUILT.

THE IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW IS THAT DR. WILY IS ON THE LOOSE. WE NEED TO CATCH HIM BEFORE HE CAUSES TROUBLE!





I'LL HELP!  
I'LL MAKE  
UP FOR NOT  
STOPPING  
HIM!

NOT A  
CHANCE!  
THIS'LL BE  
HANDLED BY  
THE *REAL*  
AUTHORITIES  
WITH REAL  
MAN-POWER,  
*CAPEESH?*

Y-YES,  
SIR...

AGENTS?

YES,  
DOCTOR  
LIGHT?



...I WILL  
TURN MY-  
SELF OVER  
TO YOUR  
CUSTODY,  
BY REMOV-  
ING MYSELF  
FROM THE  
SITUATION...

...I WILL  
PROVE TO  
YOU THAT  
NEITHER I  
NOR MEGA  
MAN WERE  
INVOLVED  
IN WILY'S  
ESCAPE.

IF IT  
WILL HELP  
IN ANY  
WAY...





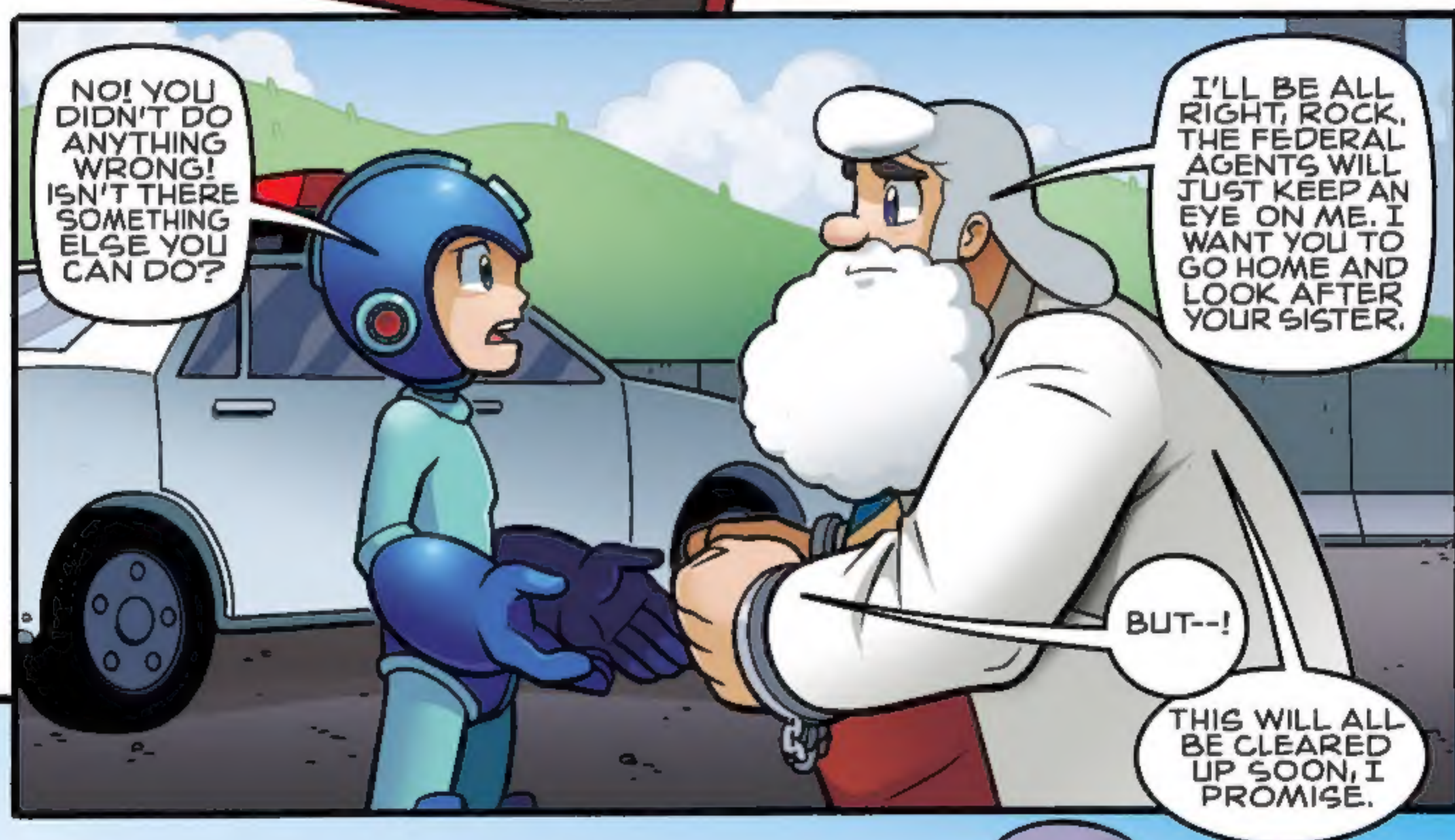
DOCTOR LIGHT!  
NO!

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, SIR?

I KNOW THAT I AM INNOCENT, AND I TRUST THAT JUSTICE WILL TAKE ITS COURSE.



LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT SOME HARDER STUFF HIDDEN UNDER ALL THAT FLUFF, DOC. I CAN RESPECT THAT.



NO! YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG! ISN'T THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU CAN DO?

I'LL BE ALL RIGHT, ROCK. THE FEDERAL AGENTS WILL JUST KEEP AN EYE ON ME. I WANT YOU TO GO HOME AND LOOK AFTER YOUR SISTER.

BUT--!

THIS WILL ALL BE CLEARED UP SOON, I PROMISE.





LIGHT  
LABS...

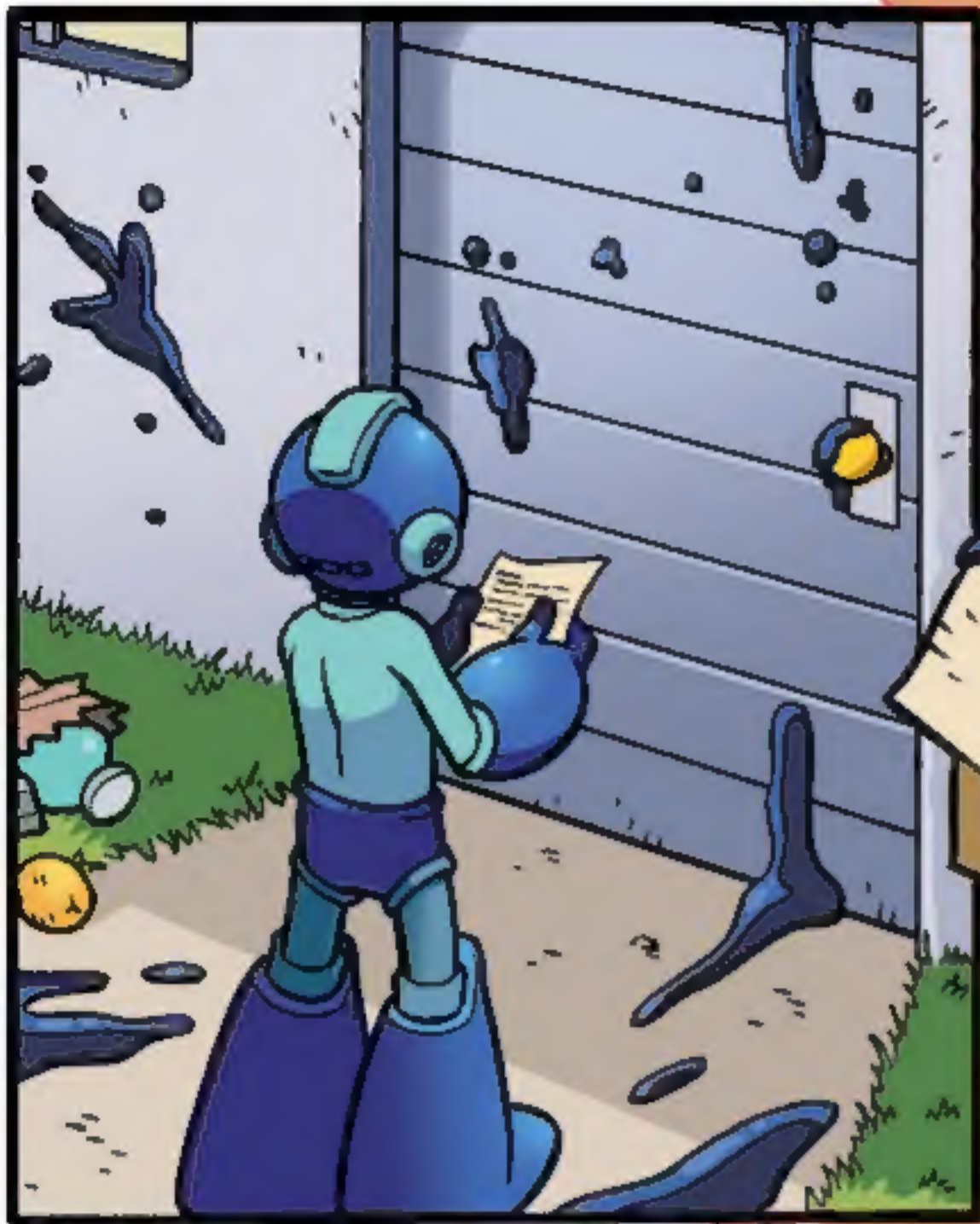


Thomas,  
I have taken your  
precious little Robot  
Roll!

If you ever want to  
see her again in one  
piece, you won't contact  
the authorities and  
you won't send that  
lab robot you strapped  
a cannon to after me!  
Once I've escaped, I'll  
contact you.

This is your only warning!  
A.W.W.





If you ever want to see her again in one piece, you won't contact the authorities and won't send that



ELSEWHERE...

HMPH. I  
SUPPOSE THIS  
WILL SERVE MY  
PURPOSES. I  
SEE YOU'VE  
GATHERED  
THE PROPER  
TOOLS, PARTS,  
EQUIPMENT...

YOUR  
CLOTHES,  
MASTER.

AH! FINALLY,  
SOMETHING  
BEFITTING MY  
SCIENTIFIC  
GENIUS!

THIS  
WILL DO,  
BUT THE  
FACILITY IS  
A MESS!

I APOLOGIZE,  
SIR. IF I HAD  
BEEN ABLE  
TO KEEP TO  
MY SCHEDULE,  
EVERYTHING  
WOULD HAVE  
BEEN COM-  
PLETED TO  
YOUR SPECI-  
FICATIONS.

I WAS  
DELAYED  
BY--

WADDUP?!  
OIL MAN IN  
THE HOUSE  
WITH HIS  
MISSION  
ACCOM-  
PLISHED.

--OIL  
MAN.





CHECK IT!

DOCTOR WILY?!

AH, OIL MAN! YOU'VE--

--ARRIVED LATE, AS USUAL.



BUT I SUCCEEDED, DIDN'T I? AND YOU DID, TOO, 'CAUSE BIG MAN WILY'S HERE! SO IT'S ALL GOOD, BABY!

I'VE HAD TO REVISE MY METICULOUS SCHEDULE *MULTIPLE* TIMES TO ALLOW FOR THE MARGIN OF ERROR CREATED BY YOUR--



*RRRRRRING!*

MAN, YOU'RE WOUND TOO TIGHT. RELAX BEFORE YOU BLOW A CIRCUIT.



YOU ARROGANT, IRRESPONSIBLE--!

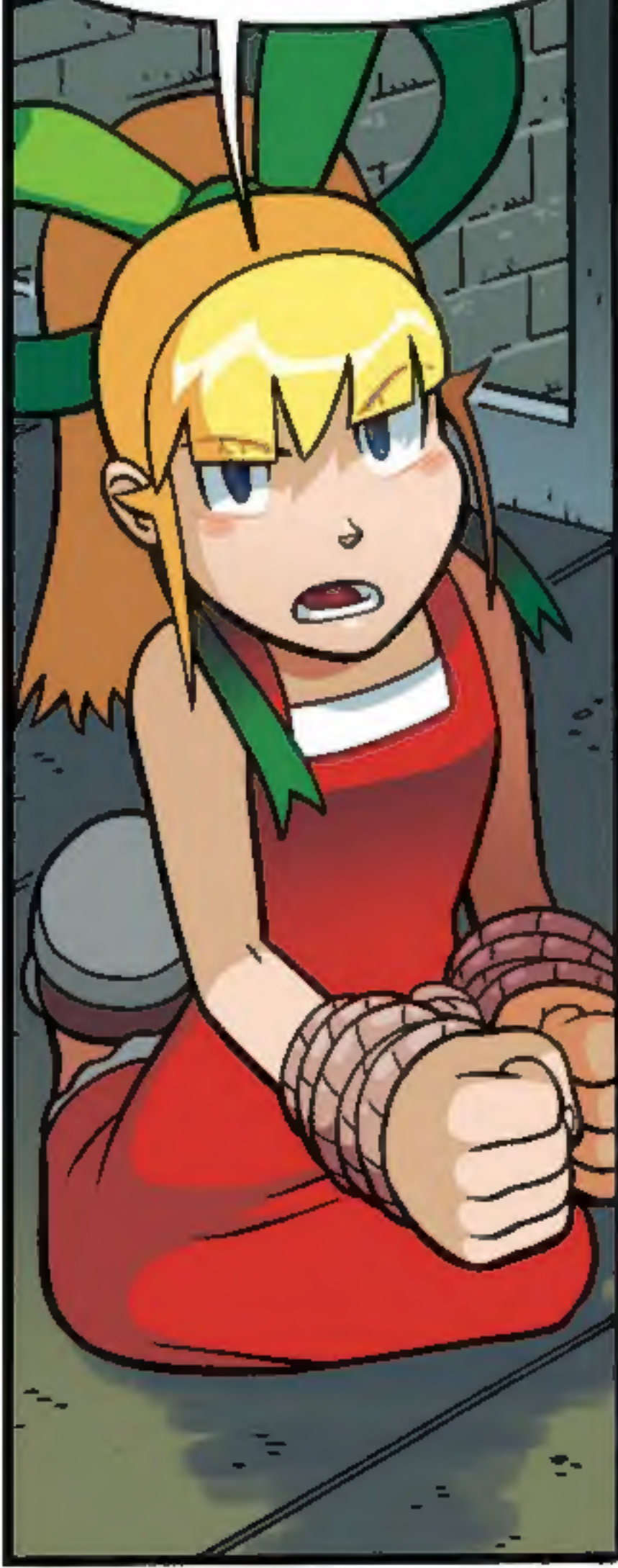
YOU WANT ME TO CLEAN YOUR CLOCK?

LET'S GO, BABY.

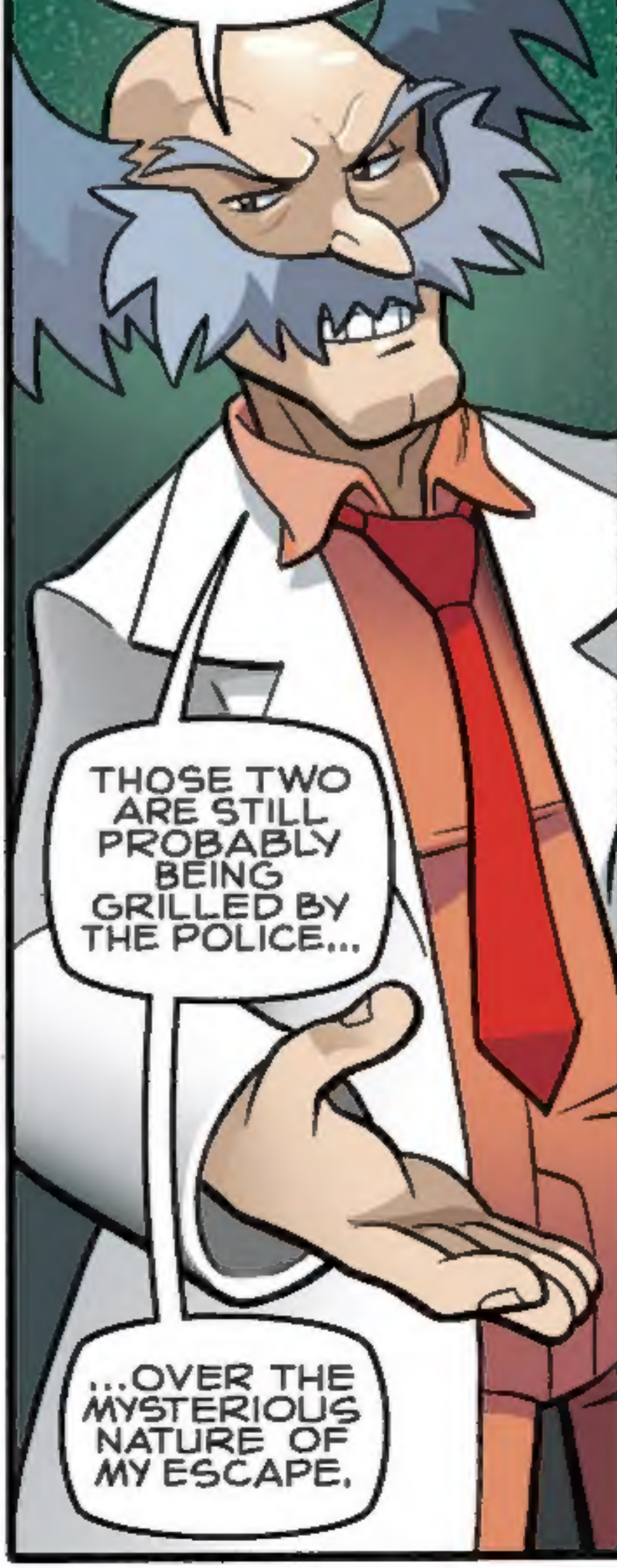




YOU MADE A BIG MISTAKE KIDNAP-  
PING ME! WHEN DR. LIGHT AND ROCK  
FIND OUT, YOU'LL BE  
IN BIG TROUBLE!



HEH HEH HEH!



THOSE TWO  
ARE STILL  
PROBABLY  
BEING  
GRILLED BY  
THE POLICE...

...OVER THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
NATURE OF  
MY ESCAPE.

AND WHEN THEY  
DO FIND MY NOTE,  
THEY'LL KNOW  
BETTER THAN TO  
OPPOSE ME...  
**OR ELSE!**

S-SO I'M A  
HOSTAGE?



MM-  
HMM!





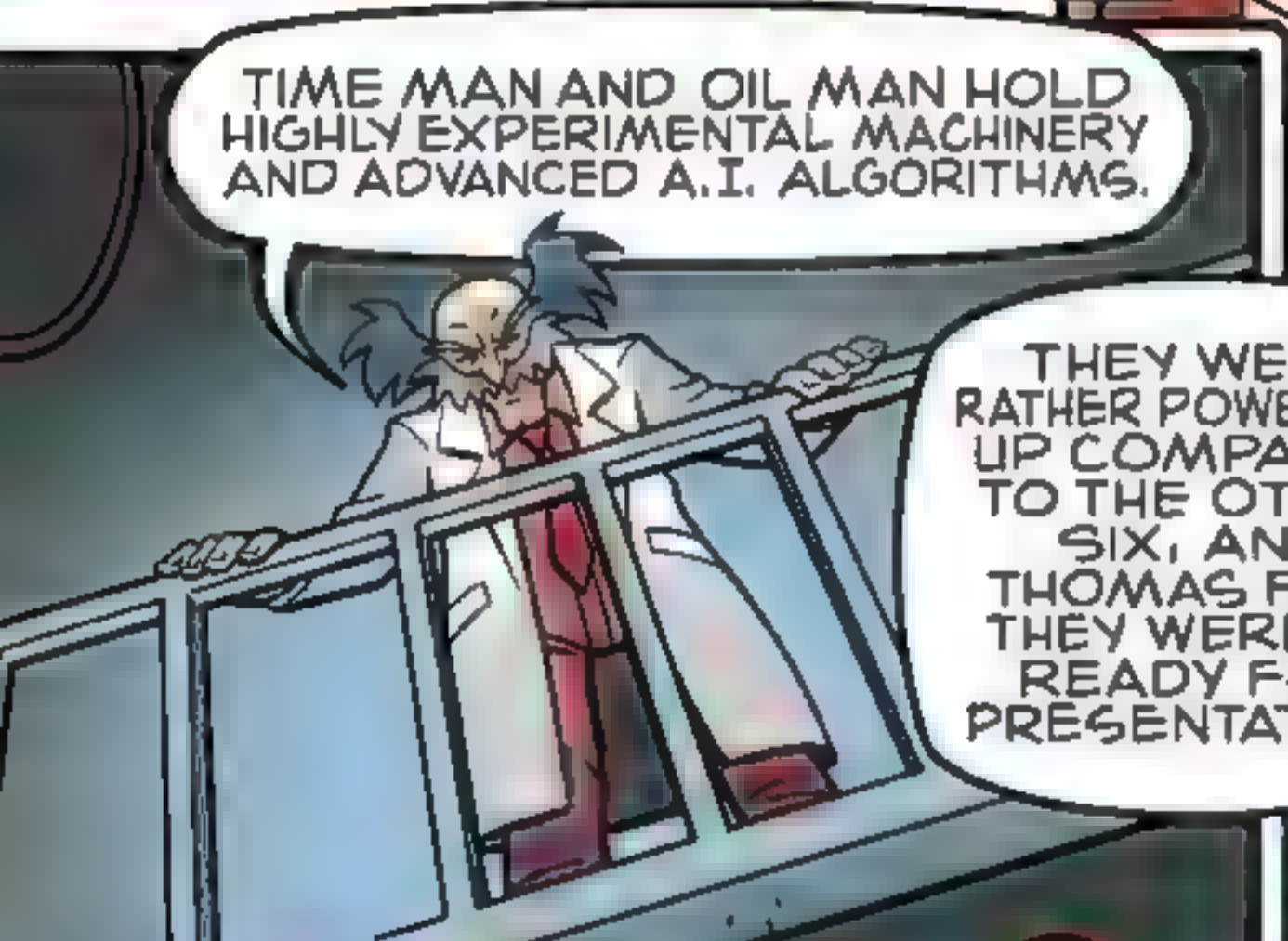
WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GET TO WORK ON MY ESCAPE SHUTTLE!

AT ONCE!

WORD.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND. DOCTOR LIGHT BUILT ONLY SIX ROBOT MASTERS. WHERE DID THESE TWO COME FROM?



TIME MAN AND OIL MAN HOLD HIGHLY EXPERIMENTAL MACHINERY AND ADVANCED A.I. ALGORITHMS.

THEY WERE RATHER POWERED-UP COMPARED TO THE OTHER SIX, AND THOMAS FELT THEY WEREN'T READY FOR PRESENTATION.



SO I WORKED ON THEM BEHIND HIS BACK. NOW THEY'RE COMPLETE--AND COMPLETELY LOYAL TO ME! HA HA HA HA HA!



DOWNTOWN.

BATTER  
UP!

BOOM!

BLAM!

GUYS!  
WE'VE GOT  
A BIG  
PROBLEM!



ONE EXPLANATION  
LATER.

...AND DR. LIGHT IS IN  
FEDERAL CUSTODY. I  
DON'T KNOW IF I CAN STOP  
DR. WILY AND KEEP ROLL  
FROM GETTING HURT AT THE  
SAME TIME. I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT TO DO!

HMM...

I THINK WILY  
IS BLUFFING.  
ROLL IS TOO  
IMPORTANT A  
HOSTAGE FOR  
HIM TO JUST  
DESTROY HER.  
HE'D HAVE  
NOTHING TO  
BARGAIN WITH.  
THEY NEED TO  
BE FOUND...

YEAH, WE'LL  
CRUSH THE  
TINY WILY  
MAN!

...AND YOU'RE  
RIGHT IN THAT  
YOU SHOULDN'T  
TRY TO DO  
THIS ALONE.

BUT WE  
CAN'T JUST  
ABANDON  
THE CLEAN-  
UP EFFORT.

AGREED, WE  
ARE BOUND BY  
OUR DUTY.

THEN LET'S SPLIT  
INTO TEAMS SO WE  
CAN DO BOTH.

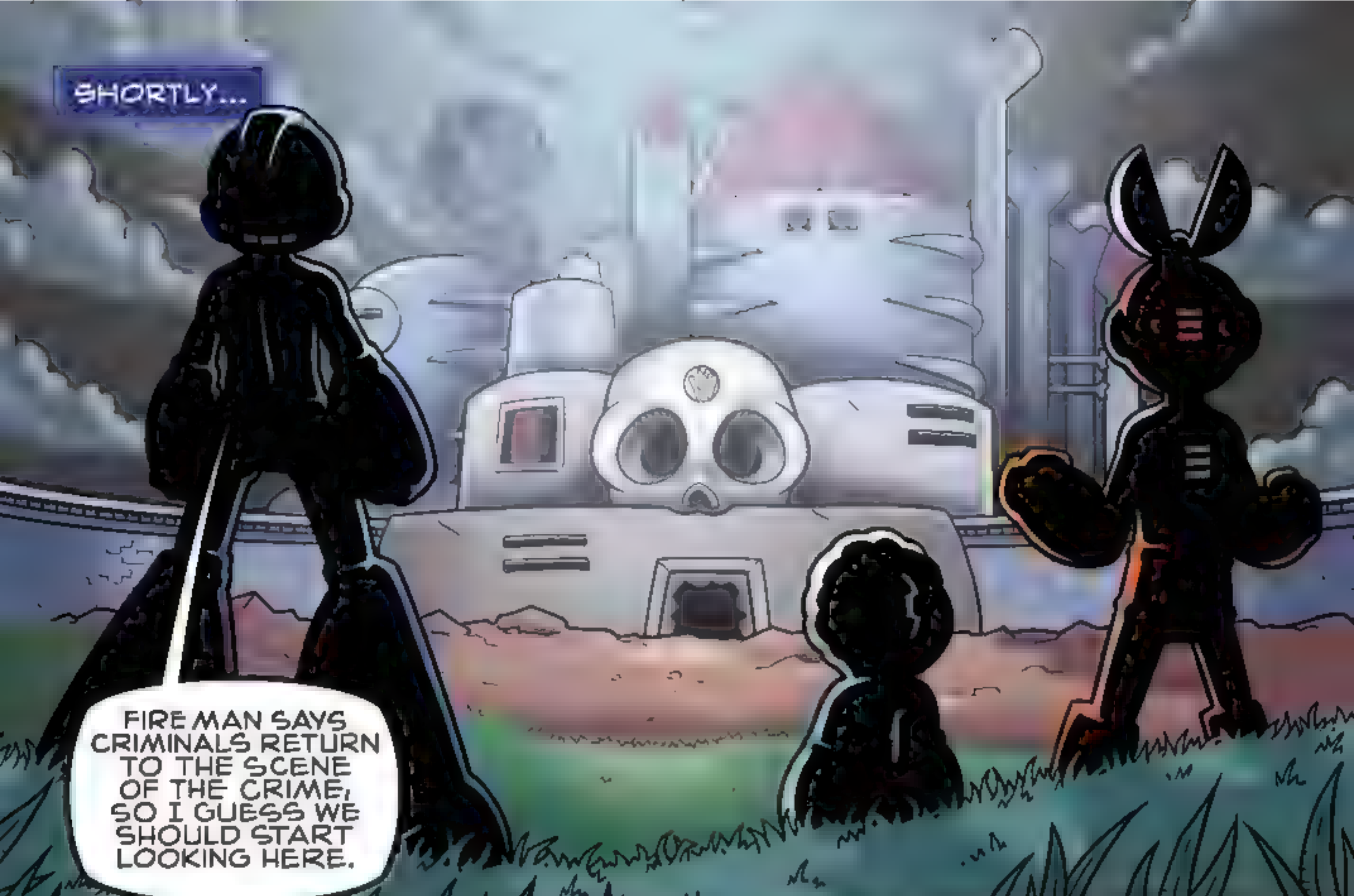
I'LL GO WITH  
MR. ROCK AND  
HELP SEARCH!

ME, TOO!  
I WON'T LET  
WILY GET AWAY  
WITH KIDNAP-  
PING POOR  
ROLL!


THANKS,  
GUYS!




SHORTLY...



FIRE MAN SAYS  
CRIMINALS RETURN  
TO THE SCENE  
OF THE CRIME,  
SO I GUESS WE  
SHOULD START  
LOOKING HERE.



THIS PLACE GIVES  
ME THE CHILLS,  
AND THAT'S WITH  
ANTIFREEZE IN  
MY SYSTEM.




YEAH.  
THIS PLACE  
IS A WHOLE  
LOT CREEPIER  
WHEN YOU'RE  
NOT PRO-  
GRAMMED TO  
DEFEND IT.



IT'LL BE  
ALL RIGHT.

MOST OF THE ENEMY  
ROBOTS SHOULD BE  
GONE NOW, AND BESIDES,  
I GOT THROUGH HERE  
ALL ON MY OWN.

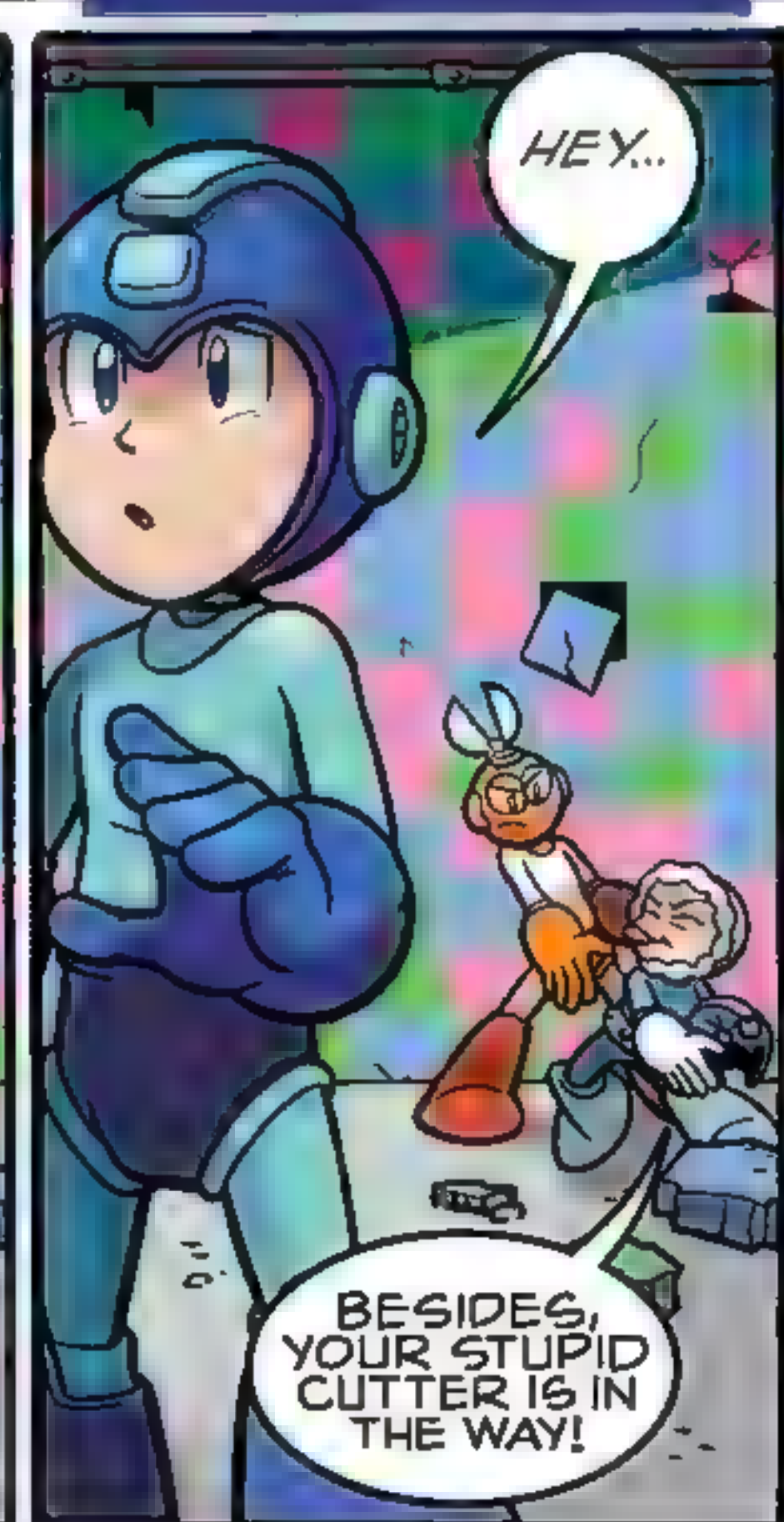
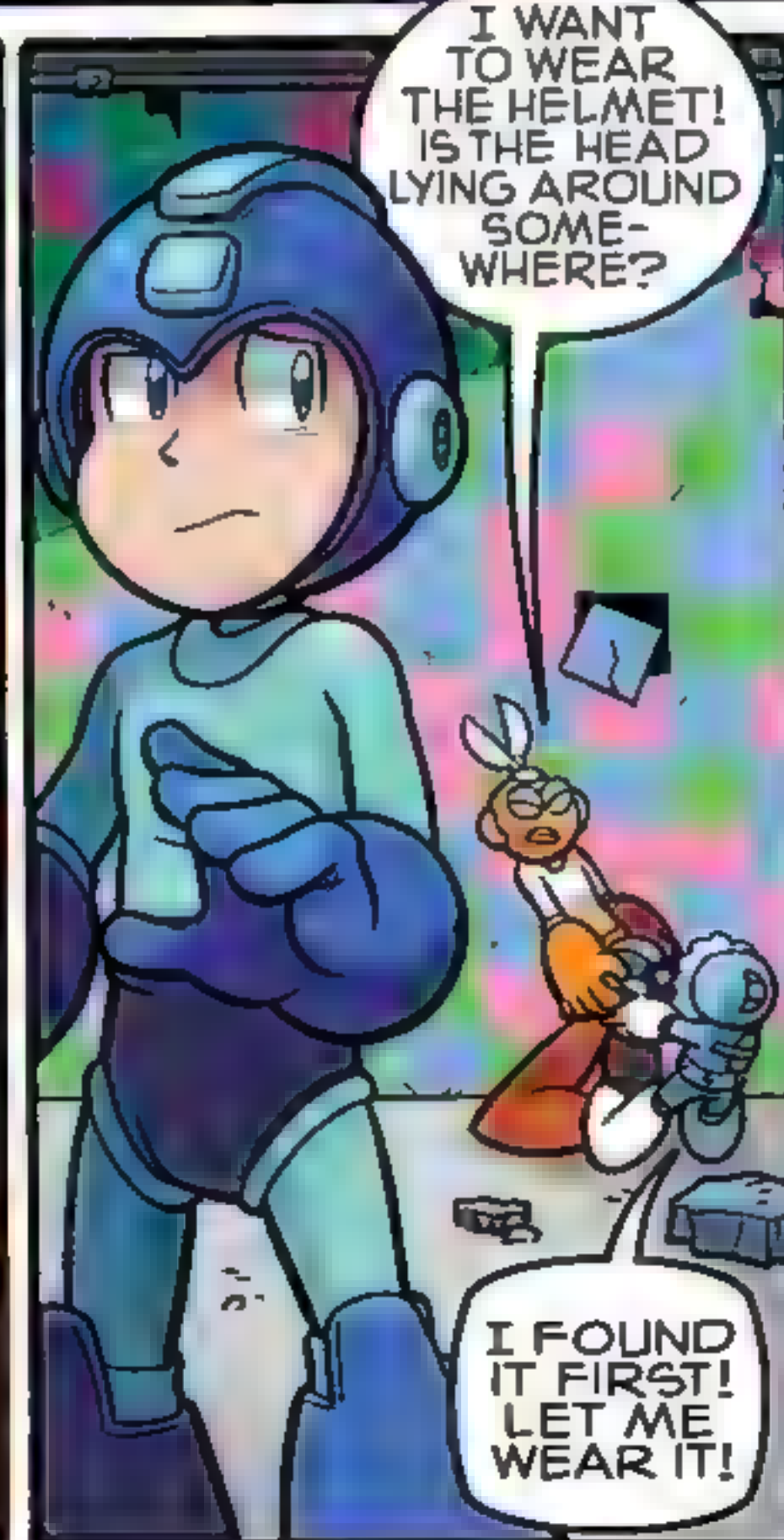
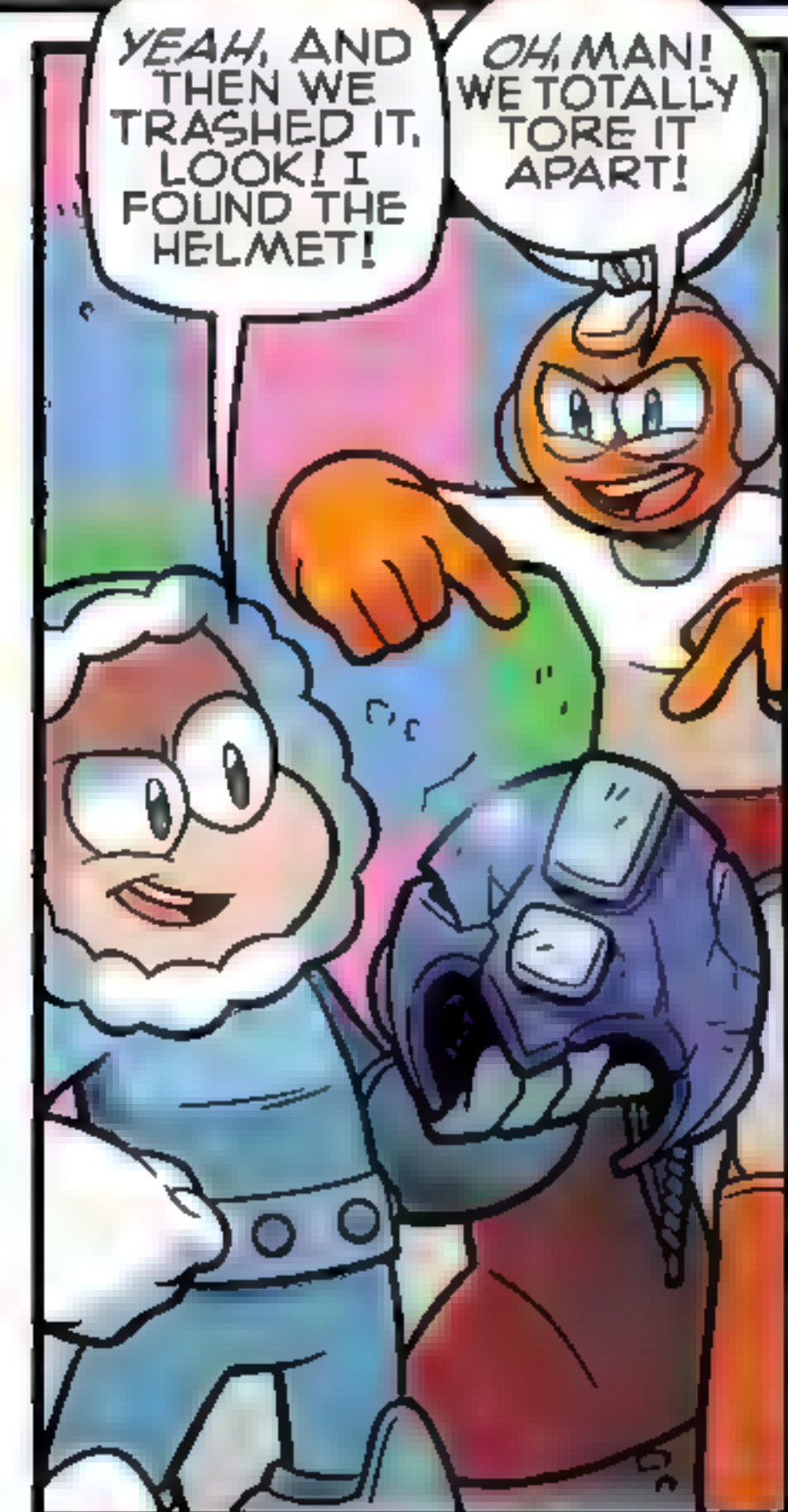
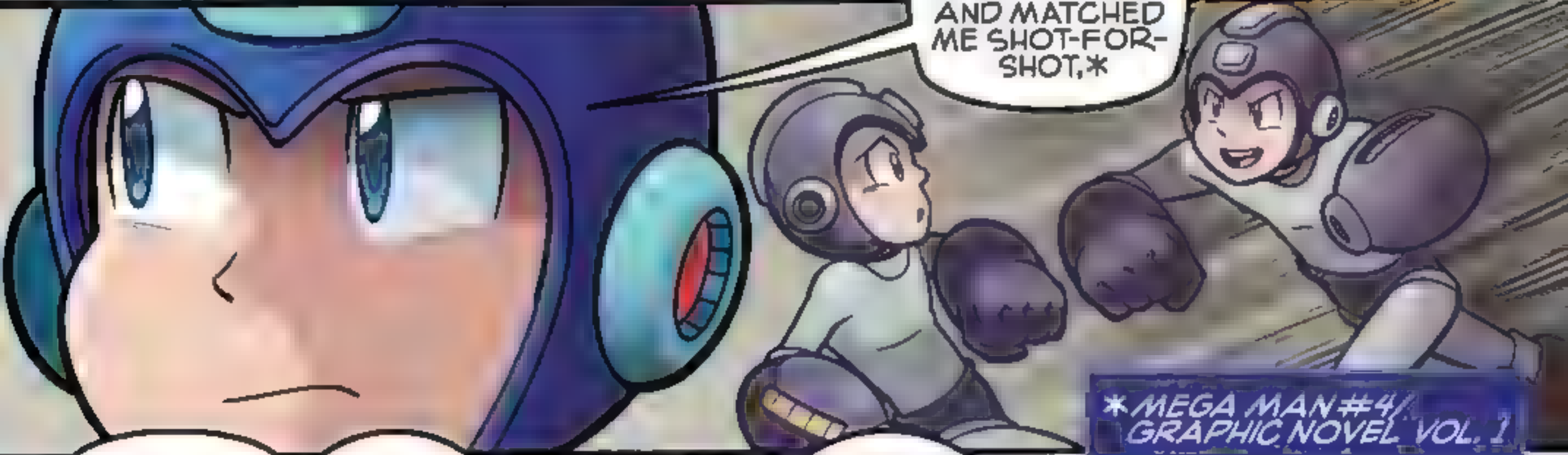


WITH THE  
THREE OF US,  
SEARCHING  
THIS PLACE  
SHOULD BE  
EASY!







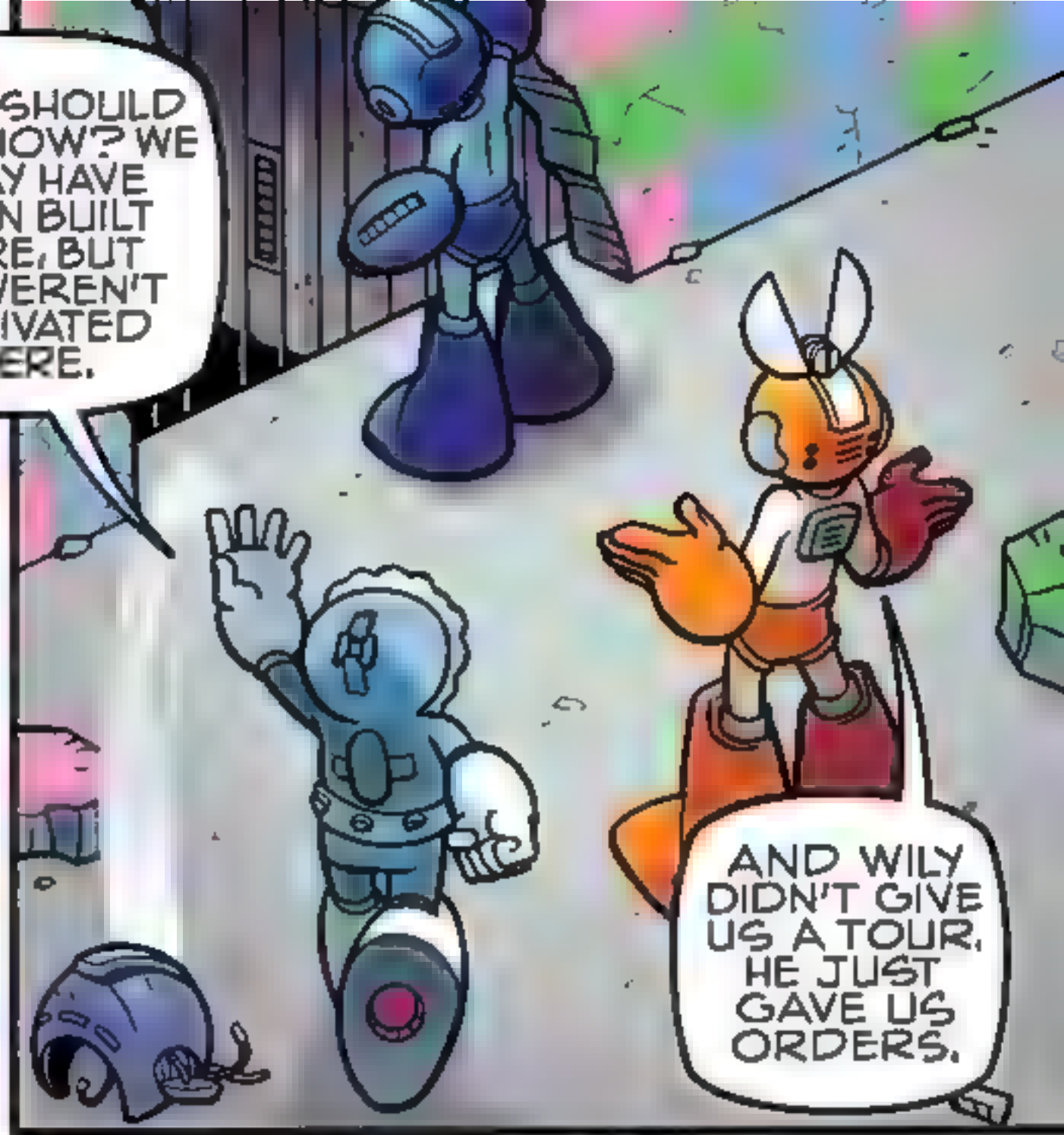






HEY, GUYS? WHERE DOES THIS GO?

HOW SHOULD WE KNOW? WE MAY HAVE BEEN BUILT HERE, BUT WE WEREN'T ACTIVATED HERE.



AND WILY DIDN'T GIVE US A TOUR. HE JUST GAVE US ORDERS.

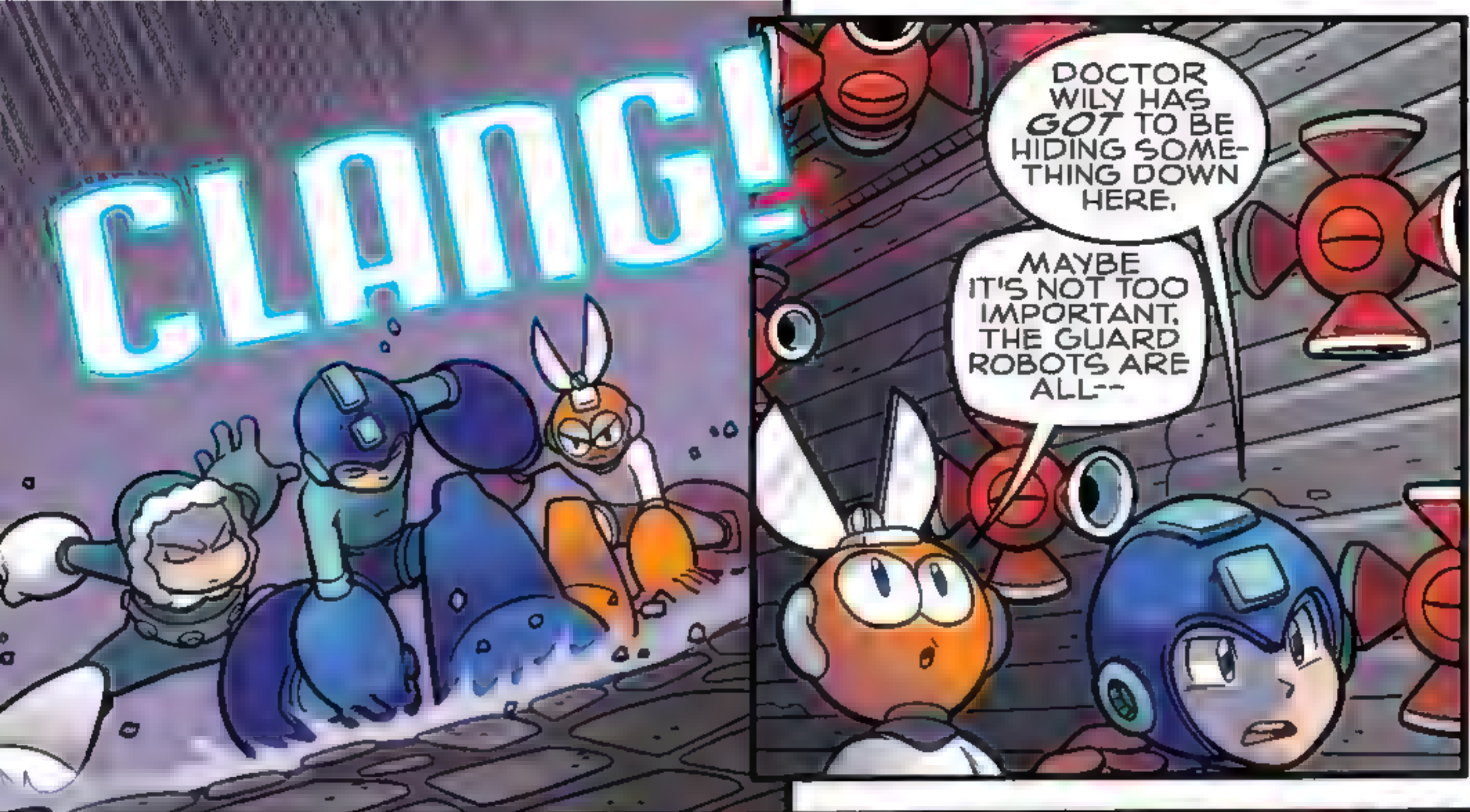


SO THERE'S A SECRET PASSAGE LEADING UNDER THE FACTORY. THAT SOUNDS SUSPICIOUS ENOUGH TO ME.

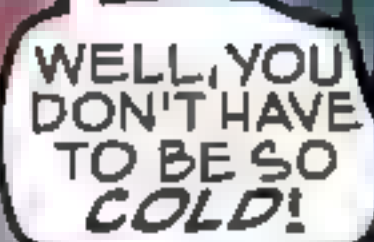
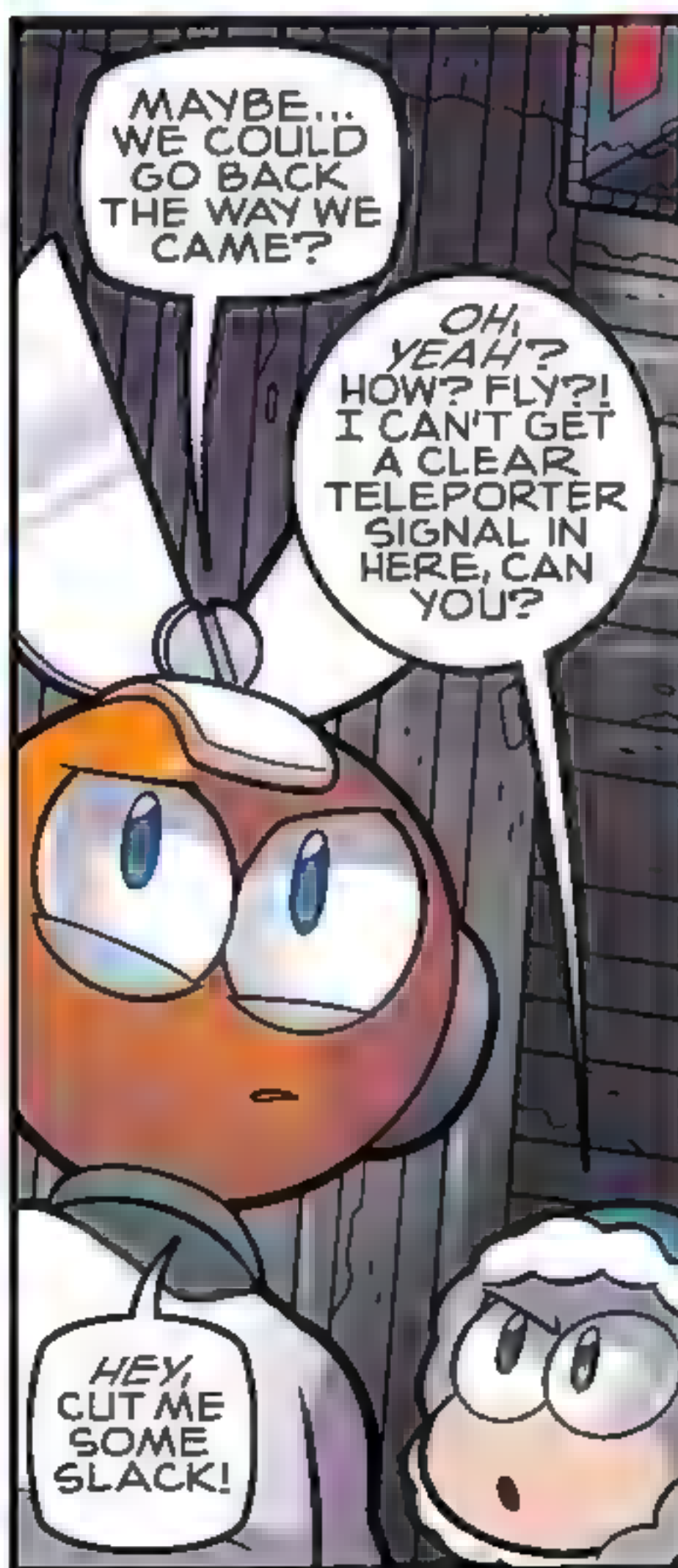
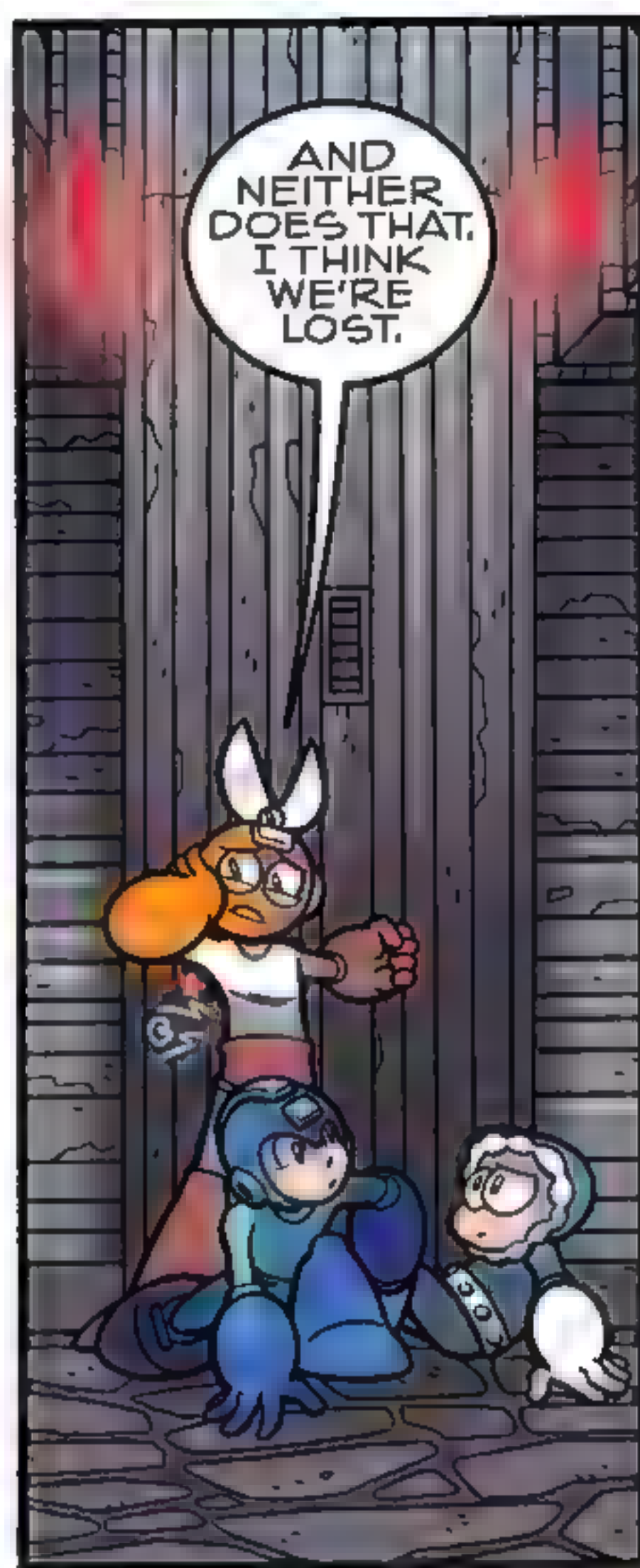
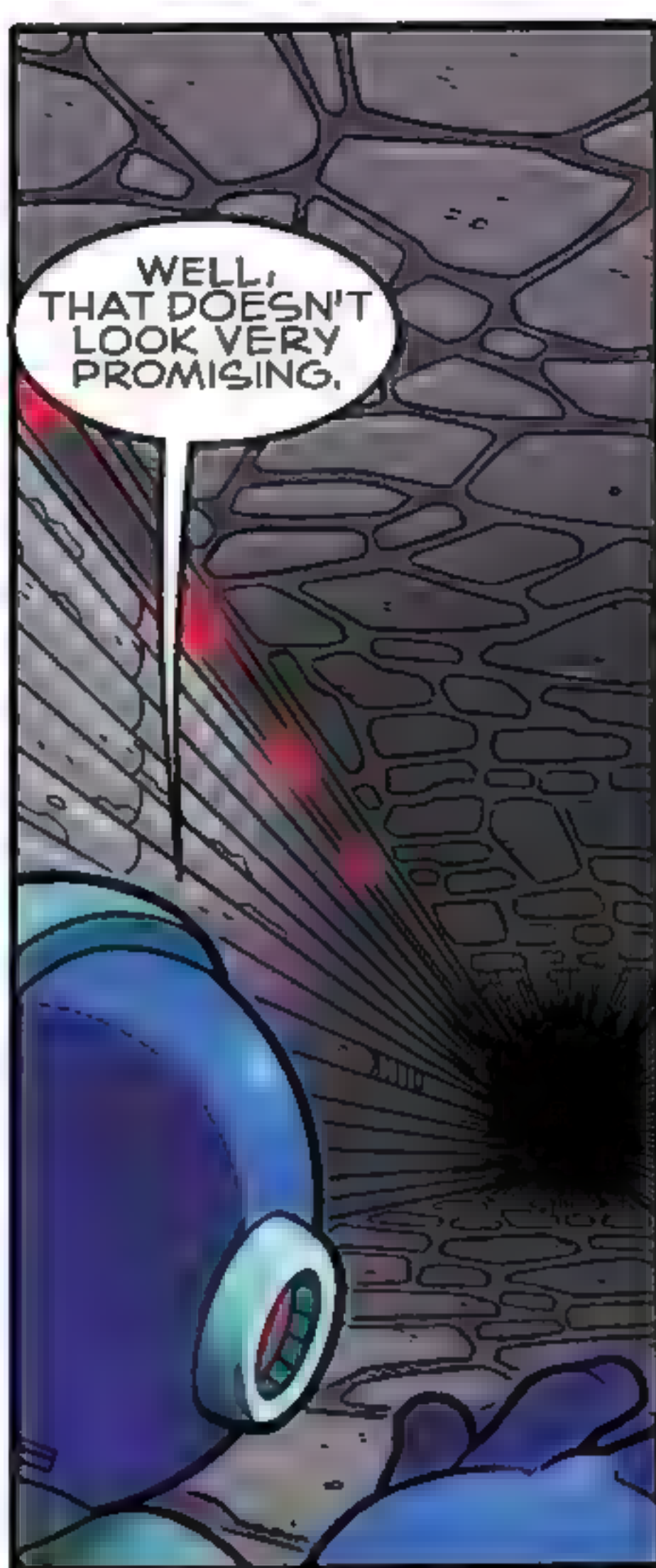


LEAD THE WAY, SIR!


















GET ME UP FRONT! I HAVE A PLAN!









BECAUSE  
IT DOESN'T  
LOOK VERY  
FRIENDLY.

OUR HEROES *DIVIDED* AND IN *PERIL*!  
DOCTOR WILY ON THE LOOSE!  
THINGS KEEP GOING *FROM BAD TO WORSE*!  
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**It's TIME again (get it?) to crack open the ol' mail bag and read what you guys and gals out there are saying about "Mega Man"! Take it away!**

**Dear Mega-Mail,**  
I just wanted to commend your work with capturing the blue bomber in my eyes as an accurate, successful comic adaptation.

**It's what we were hoping to do! Glad you're enjoying!**

I feel like Mega Man has been given a second chance to showcase his adventures. I am a die hard fan and am very critical when it comes to the story so I will be looking forward to further work.

**Hey, we can all be critical from time to time - that's what the internet is for!**

I am myself an illustrator and am venturing into creating my own comic series and I wanted to say that your work has inspired me to push my work further.

**Awesome! Keep at it and make sure you send us some fan art to put in the book!**

Let's cross our fingers we see some Mega Man X!

**Andrew V.**  
from NEW YORK

**Thanks for writing in, Andrew! That's two requests for Mega Man X from this month and last month! Anyone else?**

**Dear Mega-Mail,**  
This is perhaps the greatest comic book I've ever read! I actually found this series by accident and nearly had a heart attack!

When I heard you could subscribe to get monthly issues, I did right away! Thank you, Spaz, Gary, John, Matt and everyone else who made this possible! This is now the highlight of my month!

**Sincerely,**  
**Robert O.**

sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

**Wow! To coin a phrase - 'Nuff said!**

**Dear Mega-Mail,**  
My son, Nolan, is 4 and his favorite comic book is Mega Man. He has been exposed to mostly DC comics as I freelance for them. He saw an ad in tiny titans and Mega Man has taken over as his favorite. I will be picking up #5 for him this week. He also picked up his first Archie comic and enjoys it. His one request is that Proto Man appear in the Mega Man stories soon. Thanks for the excellent kid-friendly material to get my son started out as a comic book reader!

**Jack and Nolan P.**  
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

**You win my esteemed "favorite-letter-of-the-month" award! Always nice to hear from both old and new fans of the blue bomber alike! As for Proto Man, keep your eyes peeled, when he debuts it's gonna rock Mega Man's world!**

**Dear Mega-Mail,**  
I've been a Mega Man fan since I was in 3rd grade (I'm turning 30 this year so yeah... long time fan) and I just want to say thank you for doing such a wonderful

job with one of my favorite heroes of all time.

**Twass our pleasure! We're all fans of Mega Man, too and are very pleased that other longtime fans seem to think we're doing the story justice!**

The comics are beautifully illustrated and the story is great. I just read issue 5 today and love where this story arc is headed. I also liked Dr. Light's "X-factor" mention when he was talking about creating a robot with free will. Nice little nod to X there.

**Good catch!**

Speaking of X, if you're ever in the mood to branch out in the Mega-verse I would love, more than anything, to see your team take on Mega Man X. As I said above, Mega Man is ONE of my favorite heroes, my all time favorite is Zero from the Mega Man X series. It would just make my day to see a Mega Man X series one day.

**That's three, THREE Mega Man X requests ah ah "kra-kroom"**

Just a suggestion ;) Keep up the great work and thanks again!!

**Angie**  
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

**Thanks for reading, Angie! We hope you dig what we've got in store for you through this arc and beyond!**

**Well, that's it for this month's letters - keep writing in and sending your fan art! We want to hear from YOU!**

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